

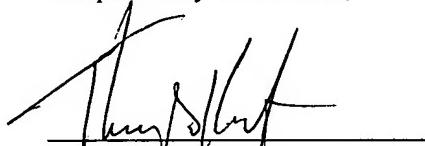
REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies national filing of PCT application No. PCT/GB03/02394. The original PCT application contained Claim 1 – 15. Following the International Search and the International Preliminary Examination conducted by the European Patent Office, all claims were determined as meeting the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, that is being novel, involve an inventive step and be industrially applicable.

When entering the US national phase, the applicant elected to re-write some of the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims. As a result, new claims 16 – 26 were added. The new claims do not introduce any new matter. Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 11 and 15 were amended, and new claims corresponding to the claimed subject matter depending on the alternative claims were added. Claim 16 is similar to original Claim 3. Claims 17-18 are similar to original Claim 4. Claims 19 – 22 are similar to original Claim 6; Claim 23 – to original Claim 10, Claims 24-25 – to original Claim 11; and Claim 26 – to original Claim 15.

Favorable consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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